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THE EIGHTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

Fifty-one persons registered for the eightieth Annual Meeting, and related activities, which took place in Grand Island 15 and 16 May 1981, and on the Lemburg farm, north of Cairo, 17 May. During the Friday night get-together and slide show rain began to fall, and there was almost continuous light to moderate rain for the rest of the period, for a total of two inches or so. At the Annual Meeting, held Saturday afternoon, the following officers were elected: Dr. Stanley Longfellow, Kearney, president; Mr. C. Fred Zeilemaker, Crescent Lake NWR, vice-president; Mrs. Emma Johnson, Omaha, secretary; Mr. Wm. W. Lemburg, Cairo, treasurer; Dr. Neva Pruess, Lincoln, librarian; and Dr. R.G. Cortelyou, Omaha, editor. The meeting also adopted a standard form for reporting observations of rare species. Chadron was selected for the site of the 1982 meeting, and Halsey (if available) for the 1981 Fall Field Day. At the banquet Prof. Stan Dart, Kearney State College, spoke on "The Natural History of the Grand Canyon" and showed slides to illustrate his points.

The rain hampered and curtailed the birding, which Saturday was around Grand Island and Sunday was on the Lemburg farm, and also the observation of the Lemburg's operation in raising wildfowl. But everyone knew the rain was needed, and in spite of the rain a fairly good list

was tallied. The weather may even have contributed to the recording of a pair of Eurasian Wigeons. These were seen on the moat at Stuhr Museum, and although they were in with the "house ducks" they were a wild pair, as well as could be determined: they were not pinioned, they had not been seen there earlier, and none of the local participants had any knowledge of their having been added to the resident ducks. The ninety-eight species recorded were: Common Loon; Eared and Pied-billed Grebes; Great Blue and Green Herons; Mallard, Pintail, Blue-winged Teal, Eurasian Wigeon, Wood Duck; Red-tailed, Swainson's, and Marsh Hawks; American Kestrel, Bobwhite, Ring-necked Pheasant, Turkey, American Coot, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer; Upland, Spotted, Pectoral, White-rumped, Baird's, Least, and Semipalmated Sandpipers; Wilson's Phalarope; Ring-billed and Franklin's Gulls; Black Tern; Rock and Mourning Dove; Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Great Horned Owl, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker; Red-headed, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers; Eastern and Western Kingbirds; Great Crested, Least, and Olive-sided Flycatchers; Bank, Rough-winged, Barn, and Cliff Swallows; Purple Martin, Blue Jay, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, American Robin, Swainson's Thrush, Eastern Bluebird, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling; Bell's, Red-eyed, **and** Warbling Vireos; Black-and-white, Tennessee, Orange-crowned, Yellow, Yellow-rumped, and Blackpoll Warblers; Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart,

House Sparrow, Bobolink; Eastern and Western Meadowlarks; Red-winged Blackbird; Orchard and Northern Orioles; Great-tailed and Common Grackles; Brown-headed Cowbird, Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Dickcissel, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee; Grasshopper, Clay-colored, Field, Harris', White-crowned, and Song Sparrows.

(The last reported observation of the Eurasian Wigeons was 18 May.)